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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 27, 2007, said period of response being extended from May 27, 2007 to August 27, 2007.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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